

Voters' Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting Call to Order / Roll Call.

Time: 1012 a.m.

Present (P) Absent (A) Excused (E)

P__Pastor Sullivan

P__Glenn Brunner (President)

E__Paul Jerabek (Secretary)

E__Dan Fager (Elders) (Scott Keickbusch represented.)

P__Brian Dax (YCE)

P__Greg Hlinak (Property)

A__Jacob Hlinak (Evangelism)

P__Jack Novak (Treasurer)

B. Opening Devotion/Prayer. Pastor opened with a prayer.

C. Reading of previous meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the previous minutes and to approve. The motion was approved.

D. Membership Changes.

1. Baptism:

a. **Hadley Brea Miller** (baptized Aug 10, 2014)

b. **Caleb Donald Blahnik** (baptized September 14, 2014)

2. Transfer In:

a. **Marlene Machut** from Immanuel, Long Island, NJ.

b. **Nick and Amber Remaker** (children: Gavin and Ayden) from Messiah, Green Bay.

3. Loss to Eternal Life: **Gertrude Heuer; Robert Drews**

The voters approved all membership changes.

E. Pastor / Board / Financial Reports.

1. Pastor

- Membership changes are as indicated above.

- Christian Education

- Confirmation

- Now using a new simple course that attempts to go through the Catechism once in two years instead of twice in two years. It uses a lot of verbal illustration and the students fill in a visual chart every lesson. Memory work is reduced, but encouraged very well. Key Bible stories are reviewed every year. Parents must be involved in helping the children learn and by discussing the Bible stories.

- 7th Graders: Tanor Bortolini, Dylan Belter, Michael Stauber and Dana Richard

- 8th Graders: McCoy Walechka, Sara Dax, Brianna Bertrand and Amber Pilgrim

- Bible Classes

- Sunday: We are working our way through the book of Exodus. Between ten and fifteen people attend the two Sunday classes.

- Tuesday: We started but then stopped again until October 21 due to various commitments (Conference, OWLS, Circuit Mtg.). We are studying the Picture Catechism.

- Bible Information Class. There are some interested people, but no date has been set.

- Nursing Home. Kewaunee Care Center avg. attendance for this quarter is 15. We currently have three members in the home. There is also one from St. Paul's Algoma.

- Hospital Visits. Lois Cox (August), Robert Drews (August), Gene Baumgartner (August), Gertrude Heuer (September) and Reuben Stuebs (October).

2. Elders

- The Elders Board continues to review the details and issues concerning Immanuel at our monthly meetings. We are always focused on:
 - Ministry – how we encourage each other to study God’s Word.
 - Worship – the church service and other opportunities such as devotions and our web site resources.
 - Membership – monitoring attendance to encourage and keep in contact with members.
 - Stewardship – our participation in church with time, talents and resources.
- The Elders encourage anyone with comments, ideas or questions to contact Dan Fager at 255-2613 or Scott Kieckbusch at 255-1207.
- The 150th Anniversary Committee has been busy planning events, so please see their article in this quarter’s newsletter. Many different events will take place, so plan on coming to them all if you can. Don’t forget there is good reading material on our church history on the church website.
- There has been some discussion on ordering a commemorative 150th Anniversary Bible, probably the NKJV. It would have an embossed cover. There will be information and a sign-up sheet coming soon.

3. YCE

This past quarter has been a busy one with lots of activity in the following areas.

- YPS – David Chaudoir and Amber Binney have spearheaded the startup of YPS. They had their first organizational meeting on September 21 and it was not as well attended as had hoped. They will continue to “recruit” participants through Facebook, other social media and face-to-face contact. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 PM. It will be a movie night for the young adults. Their hope is to grow the program to 15 -20 young adults and to be an active voice in the Church activities.
- Little Lambs - Little Lambs started up in September and they hope to meet approximately 3 times a month with different Church related activities planned throughout the meetings. Laura Sullivan is heading up this group.
- Sunday School – Sunday School has begun and everything is going well. Attendance and participation numbers are up compared to last year with increased attendance in the younger grades. The new teaching materials have been ordered and are being used in the classes. One of the teachers will be retiring at the end of the year so we will be looking for a new teacher for next school year.
- Confirmation Class – Confirmation Class has also begun and Pastor Sullivan will be using a new method of teaching scripture using more illustrations and power point presentations. These methods have been used by other congregations and have seen success and are well accepted by the students. There are four 8th graders that will be confirmed at the end of the school year. Something new that will be started this year is 6th graders will be asked to attend the last few classes of the year so they have an introduction as to how the classes are and what will be expected of them.
- VBS – 35 kids attended Vacation Bible School this summer and plans are in works for next year to increase that number. Some ideas being discussed are to have more advertising, possibly a different time of day, and opening it up to older children, as there has been a request to do that in the past.
- As you can see, it has been a busy quarter with a lot of activity in all areas. If anyone has any suggestions, ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of the board members at any time. I was appointed chairman mid-term and am getting my feet wet with this committee. I look forward to any and all input I may receive.

4. Property

- The board is getting ready for the winter season. Thermostats will be scheduled for temperature control.
- The board is looking at the trash/garbage situation, looking for alternative ways of getting rid of our trash. The cost has been going up so the board is looking for ways to cut cost.
- The board is coordinating the organ work, which should start in February 2015.
- The drinking fountains outside the gym are not working well. The board intends to replace the two fountains with just one.
- Some electrical work needs to be done. The church ceiling fans make clicking or squealing sounds. The board intends to borrow a lift from KHS and replace the fans.
- Other projects: upgrade of restrooms/trimming trees/lights/windows. The board will get started on the restrooms this year.
- Need to look at the roof again to ensure it doesn't start leaking again, which would cause expensive collateral damage. Will monitor ice dams this winter.

A question was asked regarding weather seals on the outside door for the sanctuary, near Pastor's office. It appears to leak badly. Greg said he would look into it but no work was presently planned.

Brian Dax commended Greg, and the voters concurred, for all of his hard work.

5. Evangelism:

No report was provided. Pastor presented a proposal from the board to change their desire for purchasing of New Testament AAT Bibles to purchasing Come Follow Me DVDs. There was no objection to this desire. The Planned Giving Table was adjusted to show the new line item and cost estimate. The board plans to send out Christmas Cards to the community this year. The Church Council also supported the idea to do an evangelism radio spot for Christmas, inviting people to come worship with us.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Anniversary – The President asked everyone to take note of the planned event dates and help get the word out as well as mark their calendars. Brian Dax suggested we incorporate our own organist into one or more of these events because she is a fine organist. The voter's concurred wholeheartedly.

7. Treasurer's Report:

Jack Novak presented the Treasurer's Report and the Financial Report. There were no questions. It was noted that the 2015 budget is now in the planning stages.

The voters approved all reports.

F. Unfinished Business.

1. Organ repairs / upgrades. The President mentioned the adjustment to our fundraising goal to \$35,000. This is the number now listed on the Planned Giving Table. The voters were notified that the CC recommended the Property Board move forward with the contract to repair the organ. It was requested the voters approve this action. In addition, if adequate funds were not received it would mean the congregation would have to use its line of credit, but only as needed. A motion was made and seconded to approve these actions. The voters approved the motion.

G. Recommendations of the Church Council and New Business.

1. This We Believe Statements. The President presented a paper with a Welcome statement and What We Believe statements. The proposal was to include these statements on the back of special service bulletins. One minor change was made changing "his" to "God's". The voters approved the statements for use.

2. Update Planned Giving Table. The table was reviewed. A change was made deleting the New Testament AAT Bible purchase and replacing it with the Come Follow Me DVDs. The cost of the organ repairs was presented as now being set at \$35,000. The voters approved the table.

H. Elections/Ratification of Appointments. None. The President pointed out that the Nomination Committee was now actively seeking people to fill upcoming vacancies.

I. Adjourned with Prayer. Time: 1115 a.m.

Glenn M. Brunner
Acting Secretary

Attachment 1

150th Anniversary Committee Report

The 150th Anniversary Committee will present the proposed details at the October Voters Meeting for approval. We can then have invitations sent to former called workers, and an information letter available to members to share with family and friends, during the busy holiday season coming up. This will help everyone to plan, and with RSVP replies, the committee will be able to properly prepare for these events. The following are the latest details:

Sunday, April 19, 2015: 10:00 a.m. church service with organist Charles Bono. Brunch to follow.

Sunday, July 19, 2015: 10:00 a.m. church service with WELS President Schroeder delivering the sermon, and former teacher, Leonard Epple will be the guest organist. Meal to follow.

Saturday, August 1, 2015: Picnic at church. 10:00 Koine devotional service, picnic lunch, 1:00 Koine concert. Children, Teen and adult activities, Bouncy House and games to follow.

Sunday August 2, 2015 10:00 church service with guest organist. Coffee and doughnut social before.

Sunday, October 18, 2015 Anniversary Sunday 10:00 church service with Pastor Stephen Sauer, Pastor Joel Sauer and organist Faith Sauer. Traditional pot luck meal at noon, in the fellowship hall.

Questions or comments can be directed to the 150th Committee, through Dan Fager, 920-255-2613, or email dnlfager2@gmail.com.